

OFFICIAL

January 12, 2009

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND

DATE: December 8, 2008

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting (Open)

PLACE: Lincoln Middle School

152 Jenckes Hill Road

Lincoln, RI 02865

School Committee Members Present: Mary Anne Roll, Chair; Betty Robson, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Mary Varr, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Eric Banville, Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, William Skitt, Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble, Joyce Ruppell; Attorney Benjamin Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Right To Be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

a. November 10, 2008 Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried. Roll noted she was not present but was voting to approve.

b. November 10, 2008 Executive Session

Motion to approve Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Zangari to seal the Executive Session minutes. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

II. Correspondence – None.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Citations

Superintendent Fortunato congratulated the Boys' Fall Soccer Varsity Team for being the Division II champions. Roll read the names of the players, team managers and coaches while Zito presented them with certificates. Fortunato noted the jackets will be ordered.

The Superintendent congratulated the Girls' Cross Country Team members for the Fall Sportsmanship Award. Zangari read the names of the team members while Donabedian presented them with certificates.

The Chair declared a short break at 7:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

b. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamara introduced two members of the Virtual High School. Nick Feline was enrolled in Bio Ethics and Dalida Sabourni in Music Composition. Nick handed out literature about the program and samples of their work. Dalita explained she is a senior and plans on majoring in music in college. She felt it motivated students and she made connections all over the world. She noted there are teachers always available. Nick spoke about the freedom to choose something of interest that the school can't offer. There are ten students enrolled this semester and ten for next semester. Roll commented that it supports student's passion and has possibilities for everybody.

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c. Financial Report

Lori Miller reported they have not spent the \$517,000 contingency.

The Energy Manager payroll is an issue and will be moved to a utility account. Battistoni thought the line item for teachers seemed low and Miller explained the impact of long term subs. Miller felt health insurance will be okay but they changed to self funding so that is a little different. Property insurance is showing a negative but will be offset in other areas. Tuitions has a positive variance of \$86,000 and purchased services a negative variance of \$200,000. Charter schools were paid \$49,000 and \$85,000. She noted the charter schools are trying to charge special education rates for students with IEPs. Attorney Scungio explained the Assembly passed a bill that students with IEPs should pay the per pupil rate and Beacon Charter is trying to say they are a charter/vocational school. There should be a decision in about six months. Battistoni requested showing what the percentage should be for each line and Miller said she could add that, but emphasized the amount would not be an absolute.

d. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip

Fortunate recommended approval of the field trip to Dartmouth College, January 9-11, for the Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field. Two vans will be used. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. 403 (b) Adoption of Plan Document

Miller explained a party administrator, Gatekeeper, had been approved. Now the IRS is trying to get a handle on what is happening and school districts are required to administer all the rules with a planned document with IRS guidelines. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Repair of HS Gym South Handrail (capital reserve)

Superintendent Fortunato recommended approval as this is long overdue and a danger. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. Hockomock Area YMCA

The request is for Lincoln Middle School, January 24, 2009. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0, with Varr recused. Motion carried.

b. Talent America

The request is for Lincoln High School, January 8, 2009. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements

**a. Margaret Levesque From: Art – Northern Elementary
25 Old Mishnock Highway Effective: June, 2009
Coventry, RI 02816**

**b. Salvatore Federici From: Math – Middle School
249 Peeptoad Road Effective: June, 2009
North Scituate, RI 02857**

Superintendent Fortunato presented the retiree names with regret.

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Leave of Absence Requests

a. Pamela Azar From: Social Studies – Middle School

1069 Great Road Effective: October 14, 2008 – January 26, 2009

Lincoln, RI 02865 Medical Leave

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

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b. Beth Halliwell From: Grade 3 – Central

84 Buxton Road Effective: March 15, 2009 – May 6, 2009

North Smithfield, RI 02896 Maternity Leave (revision)

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor.
Motion carried. It was noted this is part of a job share and there will
be coverage.**

Long-term Sub Appointments

**a. Jonathan Dunne To: 1.0 LTS Social Studies – Middle School
53 Secluded Drive Effective: 12/2/08 – 2/13/09
Wakefield, RI 02879 Salary: B-1 -- \$9,498.71**

**b. Kerri Guillemette To: 1.0 LTS Title 1 Reading Teacher – Northern
33 Dye Hill Road Effective: November 6, 2008 – April 6, 2009
Hope Valley, RI 02832 Salary: M-1 -- \$20,918
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Support Staff Appointments

**a. Susan Day To: PT 15 hour TA – Fairlawn
1 Wilkinson Road Effective: November 24, 2008 – June, 2009
North Scituate, RI 02857 Salary: \$9.25/hour**

**b. Thomas Paolino To: PT 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1:1 TA – High School
24 Trenton St. #3 Effective: December 9, 2008 – June, 2009
Providence, RI 02906 Salary: \$9.25/hour
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. All in
favor. Motion carried.**

Coaching Appointments

**a. Joel Diaz To: Wrestling Coach – Middle School
146 Roger Williams Ave. Effective: 2008-09 Winter Sports Season**

Providence, RI 02907 Salary: Per contract

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor.

Motion carried.

VI. Awarding of Bids

a. LHS North Wing Feasibility Study

Miller reported on the following bids:

Robinson Green Beretta \$6,300 (Not to Exceed)

LA Torrado 7,800

Kaestle Boos Associates 27,500

Durkey Brown Viveiros Werenfels 27,900

Miller explained this is for a feasibility study to move the current administration from Lonsdale Avenue to this space. She explained RGB's Not to Exceed proposal and recommended the contract be awarded to Robinson Green Beretta. Motion to approve by Zangari.

Seconded by Zito for discussion. Zito stated the study was to see if the high school should be knocked down and rebuilt or renovated. She is not in favor of this, believing it is a waste of money. Zangari agreed with Zito. Varr noted since this was a resolution, they should go through with it and will vote for it.

Voted 5-2, with Zito and Zangari against. Motion carried.

b. Food Service

Miller reported RIDE went out to bid last year and will incorporate the new state nutrition standards. This also provides the ability to purchase steam tables with no interest over a five year period. She recommended joining the state wide food service program. Motion to

approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried. Roll explained there are other benefits to participating and cost of food service is going up nationally.

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VII. Salary Warrants

November 6, 2008 \$1,149,830.67

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

November 20, 2008 \$1,142,357.01

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

November 26, 2008 \$144,291.72

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

VIII. Expense Warrants

Invoices December 8, 2008 \$917,090.26

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Invoices (a) December 8, 2008 \$103,735.96

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried.

IX. Old Business – None.

X. New Business

a. Lincoln School District Policy on School Response to Bullying, Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Violence (second reading)

Superintendent Fortunato reported this is an amendment to the current policy. Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried. Roll commented that she had a concern regarding if a witness sees bullying they have an obligation to report it; this places emphasis the role on staff. She encouraged building administration to consider that report and she is interested in what the school does to handle.

b. Lincoln School Committee By-Laws (first reading)

The Chair explained she had asked Donabedian and Battistoni to look at Section B that deals school committee government and have some new material for new members coming on board. The By Laws need to be reviewed by the attorney before being put in the book. Motion to table by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Kindergarten/Grade 1 Admission Policy (first reading)

Superintendent Fortunato requested this be tabled since they just received more information from RIDE. Motion to table by Zangari.

Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Peanut and Tree Nut Allergy Policy (first reading)

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.

Motion carried. Zangari asked about bringing lunch to school and the Superintendent explained it depended on the school. Attorney Scungio explained the policy is designed to have the mother, doctor and nurse meet with the principal and the sensitivity will be considered.

XI. School Committee Reports

Donabedian reported on the school crisis management meeting that the Superintendent ran for principals. There will be a follow up session for teachers and the community. Zangari commented that while he is disappointed he wasn't re-elected, there is a sense of relief. He noted the committee has seen some big changes and felt the middle school and current administration are part of his accomplishments. He promised to come back. Roll presented Zangari with a citation and a gift. The remaining committee members offered comments and best wishes to Zangari.

XII. Community Comments – None.1

XIII. Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2

None.

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XIV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK DATE